

TO: Chief, DESIRE

SUBJECT: GENERAL: Indicators
SPECIFIC: Use of REDWOOD, REDSOX, REDCAP,
REDSKIN, LCDPROVE

1. In order to provide the field with a better understanding of terms and at the same time to facilitate the receipt and processing of communications at headquarters, there follows a brief explanation of certain SR Division indicators for cable and dispatch communications. There have been sufficient instances where incorrect or no indicators have been used to warrant a consolidated explanation of these indicators and their use. Suffice it to say that their improper use creates in headquarters delays and unnecessary confusion, and occasionally results in lack of action because the information has not reached the proper unit.

2. The indicator REDWOOD was recently established for the sole purpose of routing directly to the SR Division communications on those matters for which SR has been assigned action responsibility by headquarters. The other indicators, explanations of which follow, are SR Division operational program indicators, for which SR has either action or coordination responsibility. Only REDWOOD assures that the material will be routed directly to SR for action, while the Host Division will receive information copies.

A. REDSOX

All traffic pertaining to illegal operations into the USSR is the action responsibility of the SR Division and should be marked REDWOOD REDSOX.

B. LCDPROVE

The indicator LCDPROVE will be used on all communications concerning the Soviet Intelligence Services. Headquarters will instruct the field, on a specific case basis, as to the additional use of the indicator REDWOOD, when the SR Division has been assigned the action responsibility.

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1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

All communications concerned with penetration, recruitment or defection inducement activities against Soviet official establishments (including VASS) outside the USSR are to be marked REDCAP. As in the LCIDPROVE cases, the SE Division coordinates on all REDCAP activities and automatically receives information copies of all this traffic. In cases of Soviet officials known or suspected to be KGB, traffic should be slugged REDCAP LCIDPROVE (see para. 1 above). In Germany and Athens, the action responsibility for REDCAP has been assigned to SE and except when otherwise directed, these cases should carry the additional indicator REDCAP.

3. The indicator AERONAUT is a restrictive SR indicator for use in cable traffic only, and should always be preceded by HYBAT REDWOOD. Dispatches of the same sensitivity should bear only the HYBAT REDWOOD indicators. Distribution is limited to SR Division and appropriate Senior Staffs.

The proper use of these indicators is particularly important on cable traffic so that action may be assigned correctly by the Cable Secretariat. Their proper use also assists the Root Division registries and branches to channel dispatches expeditiously to the proper info and action units.

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